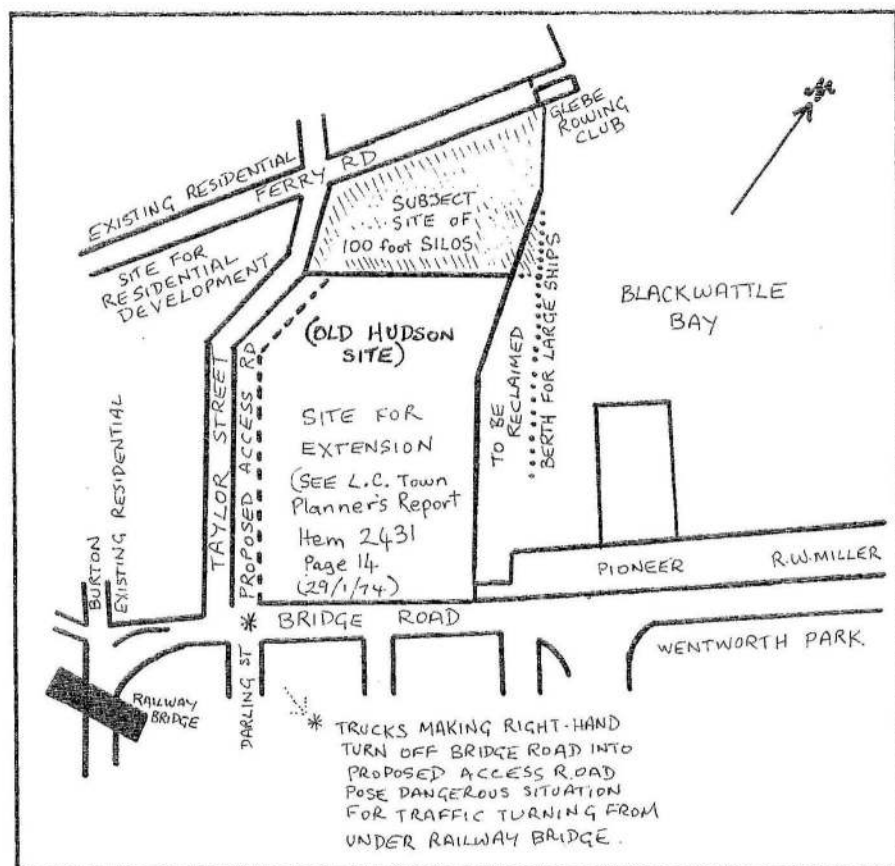


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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: A RED CIRCLE HERE MEANS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I wish to (commence/renew) membership of the Glebe Society.

NAME:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

I enclose cheque/postal note/cash for.....for my annual subscription as an ordinary/family/student/pensioner member.

ONLY 100 FEET HIGH

The Glebe Society has never expressed any intention to banish existing industry from Glebe, particularly where such industry provides local employment. The Society has shown concern however when industry has demonstrated little or no concern for surrounding residential amenity (e.g. parking trucks on footpaths, midnight to dawn shifts, undue noise, smoke or smell).

As the Society appreciates the importance of maintaining a socio-economic residential mix in inner-city suburbs, some inconvenience from industry, if it helps to maintain this mix, has to be tolerated.

However, a new type of industry is moving into inner-city suburbs blessed (or is it cursed?) with waterfrontage. This is the highly automated, heavy traffic generating, loading and storage facilities related to shipping. Among these are container terminals, container storage and repair depots and cement, concrete and coal facilities. These industries are replacing the older, relatively quieter and more labour intensive low-rise industries (such as timber-yards and small ship-building and repairing yards) and replacing them with ONE HUNDRED FOOT walls around our waterfront. These new facilities are heavily floodlit for all night operation and generate intensive movement of large trucks up the steep winding roads from the waterfront.

Leichhardt Council rejects such applications where it is able, but too often the Minister for Local Government, the Maritime Services Board or the developer, through the Local Government Tribunal, override councils decisions, particularly where developments of such magnitude are concerned.

We are told that such developments benefit the whole community and it is implied that we would be selfish to oppose them. Pray, what contribution are the more affluent suburbs being called on to make towards the benefit of the whole community? (Even suggest an airport north of the harbour and watch the reaction).

These industrial developers also have a tendency to treat Local Government with contempt. Pioneer Concrete, for example, promised to provide some public water access on its Blackwattle Bay site but its plans do not show any indication of such access (The MSB knocked that on the head anyhow: see last Bulletin). They also promised to build within normal building hours as apply to any other development in the municipality - a promise broken from the very beginning of construction.

Australian Portland Cement Ltd now want to build a series of cement silos on the corner of Taylor St and Ferry Rd. To quote their application, "The height of the proposed silos has been restricted to approximately 100 feet to reduce visual impact". Gee, Thanks A.P.C..

The Maritime Services Board of NSW states, "The Board considers it desirable that there should be efficient and economic handling and processing of sea-borne materials such as cement, where the

material is of considerable economic significance in the maintenance and development of community facilities. The Board, therefore, supports the application by Australian Portland Cement Ltd. for the development of a terminal for the handling of bulk cement within the Waterfront Industrial Zone of the Blackwattle Bay foreshore." The M.S.B's concern for "community" is well known. It's part of their plan to make Glebe white - with cement dust - .

CLEAN STREETS CAMPAIGN

A successful meeting was held in December when Aldermen Sandblom and Wyner and representatives of the Balmain Association were present. Much useful discussion took place and the aldermen were very co-operative. It was agreed to hold a Clean-up March in conjunction with the Balmain Association.

The next meeting of the Campaign will be on Tuesday, 19th February at 8 p.m. at the Colmans', 48 Boyce Street, when detailed plans for the March will be discussed. Please come along and bring your friends - we want as many people as possible.

A Thought for this Month - People often say, "There should be more litter bins" - and leave it at that. The Council are most willing to consider requests for litter bins, their only condition being that you specify exactly where you want them. So if there is a spot near your home (or anywhere in Glebe that you happen to have noticed) where you think a bin would be useful, write to the Council and ask them to put one there. Don't wait for someone else to do it.

M.M.C.

Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean -
Goethe.

THE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER OF GLEBE, SYDNEY

Bernard and Kate Smith

This book is part of an important new trend in the study of urban architecture. In the past few years, the many individuals and public groups working to preserve the best in Australia's older suburbs have concentrated less on saving isolated buildings from demolition, and more on reviving whole districts. But the question 'Why bother?' still deserves to be answered. Bernard and Kate Smith answer it here with their account of the emerging character, appearance and functions of the suburb that grew up on the original church land—the glebe—of Sydney.

The result is a book not only for students and teachers of architectural history, but also for everyone who enjoys looking at the buildings around him, or who wants to learn how to look at them with fuller appreciation.

THE CONSTITUTION

BIDURA

The Glebe Society - Constitution Amendments

- Para. 5 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "Family"
Suggest change definition of [REDACTED] member to:
Household, (covering two or more persons living at the same address. Payment of the household subscription entitles all members of the household to participate in Society functions; two members to vote at any or all elections; the household to receive one copy of each issue of the bulletin and one copy of any other printed material distributed gratis to members of the Society.)
- Para. 7 "...all convenors of sub-committees, and groups associated with the Society, are members..." (add underlined section).
- Para. 9 "...Vacancies on the management committee, and the position of auditor, may be filled between A.G.M.'s" (add underlined section).
- Para. 10 Turn this para. into two paragraphs, called (i) and (ii).
(i) to be the present para. 10;
(ii) to be: "Any two members of the Society may nominate a suitably qualified person or group of persons as auditor(s) to the Society. Such nomination shall be signed by the two members and shall bear the written consent of the person(s) and shall be posted to reach the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting. Notice shall be sent to each member before the Annual General Meeting of the names of persons correctly nominated. If no nominations are received prior to the AGM then nominations may be called for at the AGM".
- Para. 11 Third line, alter "members" to "persons".
- Para. 13 Insert "or groups" between "Sub-committees" and "as".

Contents: Introduction; The Glebe Lands; The First Estates and their Regency Houses; The Post-Regency Style in Glebe; Ecclesiastical Architecture and the Picturesque Style; The Italianate Style; Civic and Commercial Architecture to 1890; The Federation Style; Appendices; Glossary; Index. Illustrated with 214 plates.

The authors: Dr Bernard Smith is Director of the Power Institute of Fine Arts and Power Professor of Contemporary Art at the University of Sydney. His earlier books include *Place, Taste and Tradition* (1945), *European Vision and the South Pacific* (1960) and *Australian Painting 1789-1970* (1971). Kate Smith is actively interested both in architecture and in community problems.

Child Welfare (Department of Youth and Community Services) is experimenting with voluntary help. The children would benefit if adults could volunteer regular visits to "Bidura" to give them more individual attention and possibly structure the mixed age-groups to successfully carry through simple games.

The children are experiencing institutional stress, deprivation and frustration; they respond readily to interest shown by adults. If you are interested and can cope in that situation, Julia McConnachie (660 7605) and Alison McKeown (660 3917) could fill you in on the details, and you can ring Mr. Mayhew (Child Welfare 219 9714) who oversees voluntary workers.

During the week the children younger than pre-school age are at a loose end, but at the weekend all age groups up to teenage are in need of some attention and fun.

AMcK.

MISCELLANY

Seen last week in the vegetable garden of the Joss House - Halcyon sancta, the Sacred Kingfisher, gorging itself on lizards and beetles.

Big fish eating little fish eating little fish may be the law of the ocean (but the seas are still full of little fish). The giant mouths of our systems of government are about to gobble up our municipalities and create larger areas. The arguments for this are mainly economic, though one suspects the progressive actions of many Sydney councils over the past few years (in spite of, or because of, the slow erosion of the power of Local Government) are being seen as a threat to the larger fish.

In Glebe we look forward to decisions affecting our area being made in Botany Town Hall (behind closed doors?). It could be "back to square one" for the work we have been trying to do over the past five years. If the big fish don't like the antics of the smallest fish of all - residents - they "ain't heard nothing yet!"

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 12th February: the PLAY READING

fraternity will start the year's activities in a serious mood with an Ibsen play, Pillars of the Community. Time: 8 o'clock. Place: Louise Worsley's, 9 Boyce Street. Some copies of the play will be available, but please bring your own if you can (there is a Penguin Ibsen which includes Hedda Gabler, Pillars of the Community, and the Wild Duck, should you wish to add to your personal library). There is a longish list of characters, so you will be assured of a part if you come along, and one or two extra male voices would be particularly warmly welcomed.

Thursday, 14th February: COMMUNITY SERVICES

FORUM at Evan and Julia McConnochie's, 50 Boyce Street, 8 p.m. To discuss what role, if any, the Glebe Society could play in social welfare. Guests of honour: Mrs. Marjorie Bull, Leichhardt Council's community social worker and Dr. Sue Morey, Director of the Glebe Community Care Centre.

Friday, 15th February: Goonathon and Games

Night. Yes folks! The Goon Shows start at 7 pm and go on for as long as there is anyone here to listen. There is also a bit of Tony Hancock, Hoffnung and P.D.Q. (Pretty Damn Queer) Bach for those who may prefer lesser humourists. If you think that sitting around like a dolly on a stick listening to Goon Shows is not something for which you would like to have a reputation then come along with a game to play - cards, jigsaw puzzles, scrabble, monopoly, mysterious things that come apart and are then impossible to put back together. But come along anyway - no charge. Location: Unit 14, 2 Mary Street, Glebe Point.

Tuesday, 19th February: Clean Streets

Campaign Meeting. See elsewhere in Bulletin for details.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

Jann Beadle, June Durie, Joy Lee, Alan Sykes, Lorraine Hogan, Colin Mendelsohn, Donald and Bronwyn Plowman, Gillian Banbury, Ernest Windschutel, Dorothy Coates, Lesley Fraser, Eileen Lacey, Vandon Workman, Eric and Katie Gidney, Rosemary Bassett, Mr. J.B.Shannon.

Wednesday, 20th February: the Social Activities

Group will meet at Margaret Papapetros's, 66 Toxteth Road, at 8 o'clock. Only tentative plans for the year's activities have been made, so do come along with your ideas of what you'd like to have arranged for this year.

Friday, 22nd February and Friday, 1st March:

Visits have been arranged to Sydney Observatory. Numbers are limited to 15 for each visit, so the first thirty people to say they would like to go will be the lucky ones (I have some names already). Please advise Jeannette Knox (660 7781) as soon as possible, indicating your preferred Friday. I need to have definite figures by 7th and 14th February respectively, since, if the bookings are not fully used, we must advise the Observatory a fortnight beforehand. The inspection starts at 8.30 p.m. sharp, and will be held irrespective of weather conditions. I suggest we meet at the Observatory no later than 8.20 p.m.

Saturday, 2nd March: Note your diary for coffee at Clarice Morris's most interesting residence, 45 Talfourd Street.

March 9th-10th: An overnight walk. Location, (probably Blue Gum Forest), will be decided when I know who is going.

Easter: A four day walk, or a series of short walks from a fixed camp, somewhere down the South Coast. No more than one hundred and thirty nine participants will be accepted so book early.

All bookings and enquiries to Albert Renshaw at P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037; or by phone to 259 0454 during business hours.

WHEENY WALK 'n' CAMPIN'.

For those people who enjoyed the trip to Bungonia last year, and those who would have if they could, here are a few more energy-sapping, spirit-reviving, activities for 1974.

February 24th, Sunday: A barbecue/picnic/walk in and near Little Wheeny Creek. The place is pretty and there are generally lots of birds about. The creek is only about a foot deep at its deepest in the area where we will park the cars - deep enough for things to float; shallow enough for the children to paddle safely and splash. For larger people there is more than enough space to walk, run, crawl, philosophise and/or sleep.